

The logo features the text "1st Grade" in a red, cursive font and "ROCKS" in a large, green, outlined, blocky font. The text is set against a white background with a faint, light blue starburst pattern behind the words.

1st Grade
ROCKS

**Welcome to
First Grade!!**

Mrs. McConnell

- * Married for 30 years (Sept. 1st) to Steve (Powerton)
- * 3 grown children- Brian (Cass- Goodfield), Gina (LT. in Navy), Erin (OSF School of Nursing)
- * Live in Delavan
- * Love to travel, cook, spend time with my children, scuba dive and watch Navy Football.

About Me

The Superkids

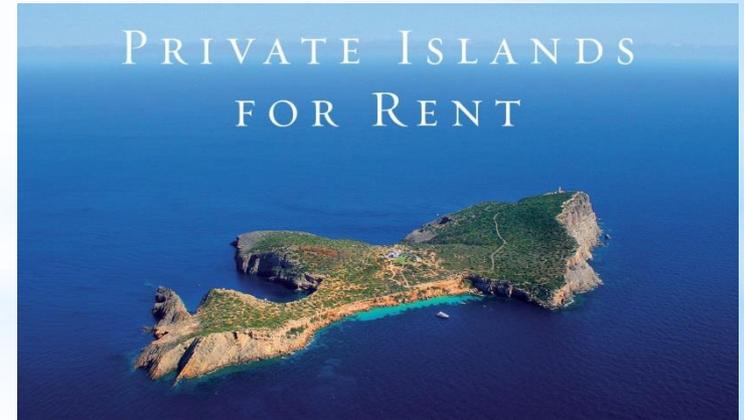
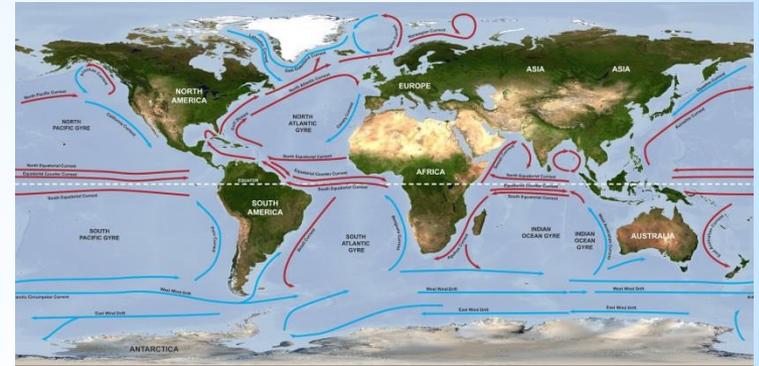


Language Arts
Superkids!



Math

- * Mix of book and teacher lead.
- * Start of the year talking about SCUBA- lots of science in that (and it's fun)



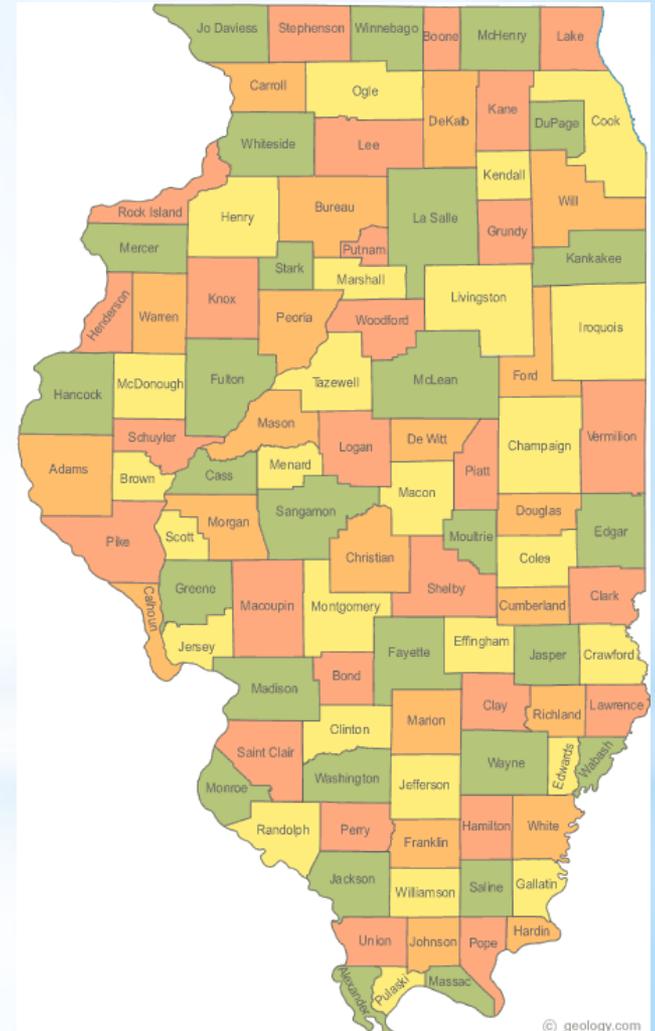
Science

Again-some book and some teacher lead.

Start the year talking about the town of Pekin.

- * Illinois
- * Springfield
- * Washington DC
- * United States
- * Major rivers of United States

Social Studies



- * Religion book
- * Promise magazine
- * Beatitudes
- * Church Calendar
- * Sacraments



Religion

- * Spelling Tests- these tests are built into the Superkids curriculum- days for them vary. Spelling lists go home with your child and lists are posted on my webpage. I also use SpellingCity.com for extra practice.
- * Math- We do not have math books so save the math papers that come home to use as study guides.
- * Religion- Book plus I send home a resource/study guide prior to test.
- * All other subjects there will be a book or study guide.
- * I try to email parents with tests dates at least 4 or more days prior.
- * Not sure when test date is? RenWeb will have my lesson plans on it.

Tests



Reading Across America

At the days start all are on green-

1st offense, move to orange.

Can move off of orange if behavior improves.

2nd offense- move to red- miss recess, see Mrs. Rogers- maybe a call home. Cannot move off of orange.

3rd offense- office and may get a detention.

If students ends the day on green- choice of warm fuzzy or candy.

Discipline



Warm Fuzzies
can trade in for coupons.

- *Email: tmccconnell@stjosephschoolpekin.com
- *Telephone: 309-347-7194 ext. 258
- *Webpage: mrsmcconnellsfirstgrade.weebly.com

Contact Information

- * 2 liter soda bottles
- * Medium size glass jars (no lids)
- * Yarn (any color)
- * Tootsie rolls (or any other snack size candy)
- * Anything else you think may be helpful/educational/fun for the students.

Wish List

- * Please send all money to school in a sealed envelope with details on what the money is for.
- * Any time the usual going home routine is changed-please let me know by note or email. I check my email in the morning and at lunch time (11:15-12:15). Please cc Mrs. Finnegan. She checks around 2:30 and calls around to the teachers with any changes.
- * Please double check your email address with the office.
- * Snack is at 10:00-10:15. The students get a choice of white or chocolate milk. Please send in snack money separate from lunch money (it's put into a different account). Thanks!

Other Stuff

Remember- you must have completed all the diocese required steps (Safe Environment, fingerprinting, background check) before you can volunteer to help with classroom projects (in the classroom help) or go on any fieldtrips. This year you must also complete a Defensive Driving course as well. This is done completely online (takes about 15 minutes) Please let anyone who might be going or meeting us on or at fieldtrip destinations.

Dates for Safe Environment will be sent home at a later date.

Volunteer

*Yes- we do grades in First Grade. Grading scale is:

A 100-94

B 93-86

C 85-76

D 75-70

F 69 and below

Grading Scale

- *Talk Like a Pirate Day- September 19th
- *Fieldtrip to Tanners Orchard September 24
- *Walking in the Footsteps Walk-a-thon
September 26
- *Picture Day October 1st
- *Our Masses Oct. 24th, Jan. 9th (right after
break), March 27th and April 24th
- *Hallmark Nursing Home Fieldtrip Dec. 9th

Upcoming Events